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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with CIA Subcommittee Staff Members  
Woodruff, Braswell, and Preston**

1. At our suggestion Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, visited the Agency this morning to receive a briefing on the status of our Indochina activities in the light of the Fulbright amendment to the Military Procurement Act.

2. Present from the Agency were:

The Director

Lawrence K. White, Ex/Dir-Compt

Lawrence Houston, General Counsel

John Clarke, OPPE

[redacted]  
George Carver, SAVA

John M. Maury, Legislative Counsel

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3. The meeting was opened by the Director who explained that while he proposed to talk with the Chairmen of our Subcommittees as soon as they were available about his recent trip to Southeast Asia and the judgments we had reached with regard to our programs there in the light of the Fulbright amendment to the Military Procurement Act, he thought it would be useful if our congressional staff members were briefed on the details of our programs. The Director mentioned his meeting with Senator Stennis several weeks ago and the Senator's general attitude toward our programs in Indochina. He said it had been agreed at that time he would report back to Senator Stennis on his trip. He mentioned that [redacted] George Carver had accompanied him on the trip.

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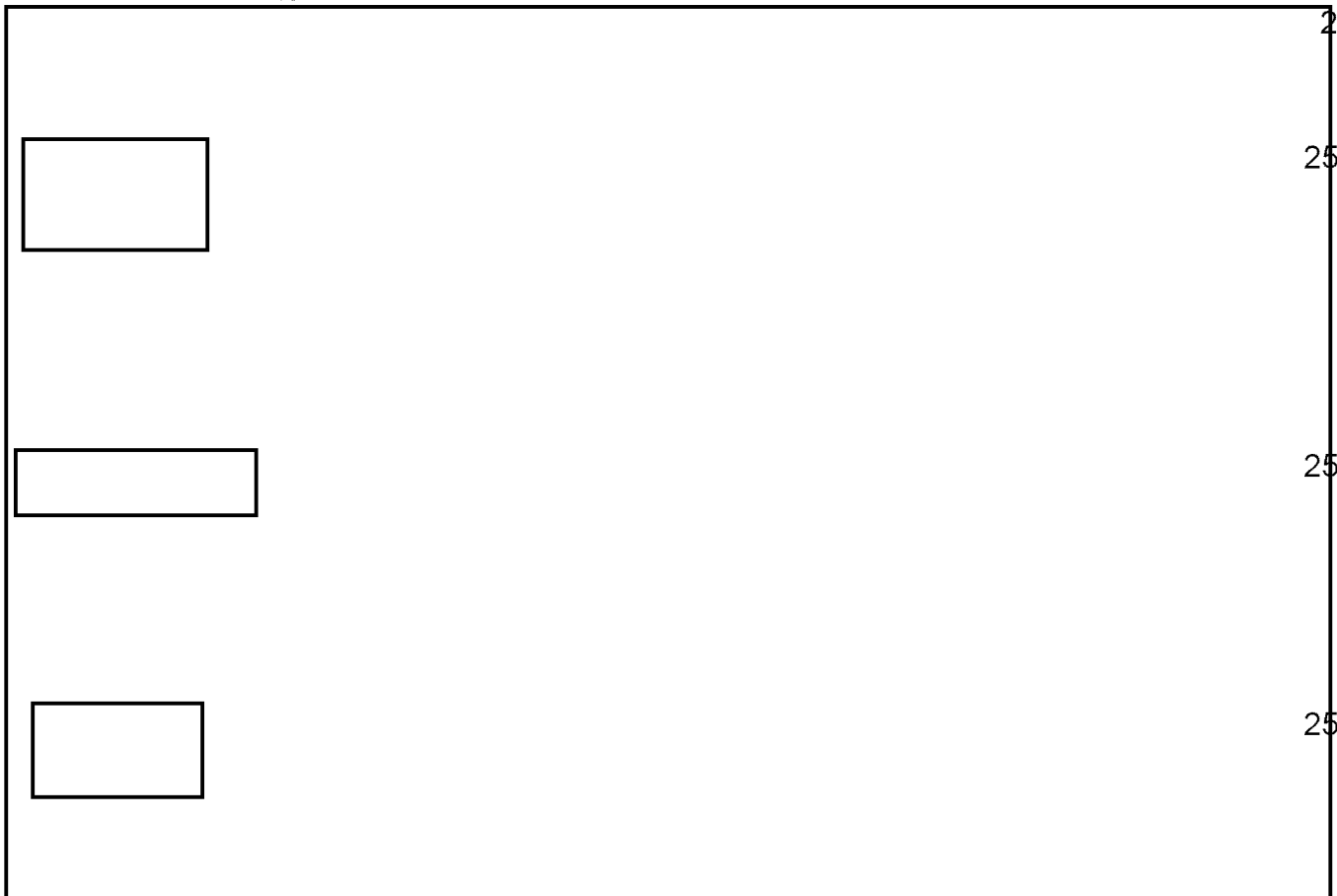
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5. The Director then turned the meeting over to  who went into a detailed discussion of the situation in these areas, especially Laos. With regard to the statement that this had become a general Indochina problem, Ed Braswell commented that the Executive Branch did not treat it as one problem in their legislative initiatives or their appropriations requests. He observed a need for the Administration to take more positive steps to open up the situation and fund it on the basis of an Indochina war rather than on a South Vietnamese war if this reflected the Administration's intent. The following additional points or questions were covered:

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